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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, PROJECT VIII-1.2
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1. REQUEST AMCONSUL LENINGRAD PASS FOLLOWING LETTER DATED
27 JANUARY 1976 FROM DR. EDWARD S. EPSTEIN, US CO-CHAIRMAN
OF WORKING GROUP VIII, TO DR. YE. P. BORISENKOV, SOVIET CO-
CHAIRMAN, WORKING GROUP VIII, WITH COPY TO PROFESSOR K. YA.
KONDRATYEV, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS,
LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY, LENINGRAD, USSR 199164. REQUEST
EMBASSY PROVIDE COPY TO DR. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

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2. QUOTE: DEAR DR. BORISENKOV: IN THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ADOPTED BY THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 31, 1975, IT WAS AGREED UNDER PROJECT VIII-1.2, EFFECTS OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION ON CLIMATE, THAT UP TO FOUR SOVIET SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, LARAMIE, DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1976 FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE MONTH TO CONDUCT BALLOON MEASUREMENTS OF STRATOSPHERIC AEROSOLS. WE INTEND TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE JOINT BALLOON EXPERIMENT BY ADDING A CAPABILITY TO OBTAIN STRATOSPHERIC AIR SAMPLES TO BE ANALYZED FOR CHLOROFLUOROMETHANES AND OTHER MINOR CONSTITUENTS. SPECIFIC DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED BY DR. DAVID J. HOFMANN IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSOR K. KONDRATYEV. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORT INCLUDE THIS ADDED ASPECT OF THE EXPERIMENT. THEREFORE, THE US SIDE PROPOSES TO MAKE PORTIONS OF THE COLLECTED SAMPLES AVAILABLE TO USSR AND US SCIENTISTS FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AND INTERCOMPARISON OF RESULTS. I BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE A FRUITFUL EXTENSION OF OUR COOPERATION.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE TECHNIQUES OF MEASURING THESE TRACE CONSTITUENTS, THERE WILL BE AN INTERCALIBRATION WORKSHOP HELD IN BOULDER, COLORADO, MARCH 25-26, 1976. THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE GENERAL AREAS OF SAMPLING TECHNIQUES, ANALYSIS, INSTRUMENT AND GAS CALIBRATION, AND PREVENTION OF CONTAMINATION. THERE WILL ALSO BE LABORATORY ANALYSES OF SAMPLES PROVIDED BY THE PARTICIPANTS. I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR ONE SOVIET SPECIALIST TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP ON A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS. SOVIET PARTICIPATION WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR JOINT PROGRAM.

4. I ALSO WISH TO PROPOSE THAT THE JOINT MEETING OF SPECIALISTS FROM WORKING GROUP I-1 AND WORKING GROUP VIII-1, ALSO AGREED TO BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE, BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING THE PERIOD MAY 28-JUNE 11, 1976. AN AGENDA AND PROGRAM WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH BEST REGARDS, EDWARD S. EPSTEIN. UNQUOTE.

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5. IN PASSING ABOVE LETTER TO DR. KAZAKOV, REQUEST EMBASSY CALL HIS ATTENTION TO ITS RELEVANCE TO NOVEMBER 26, 1975, LETTER (ESPECIALLY LAST PARAGRAPH) FROM DR. WILLIAM BROWN TO DR. KAZAKOV.

6. FYI. OUR STRATEGY IS TO INVOLVE SOVIETS IN (1) INTER-CALIBRATION MEETING IN MARCH, (2) JOINT MEETING IN JUNE, AND (3) JOINT FIELD EXPERIMENT IN WYOMING IN AUGUST.

HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF POSITIVE
SOVIET RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM MR. RUSSELL E. TRAIN
TO MEET AND DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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